THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The 16th Meeting of the Coordination Centre reviewed the naxalite scenario in the country and discussed security as well as socio-economic issues to deal effectively with the problem of naxalism. It, *inter alia,* discussed the implications of increased activities of the CPN (Maoist) Nepal along Indo-Nepal Border on security in the States bordering Nepal.

In view of the above, the States bordering Nepal have been advised to be vigilant and step up surveillance to check spillover of CPN (Maoist)'s activities to our territory.

Peace talks for peace process in NE

2131. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether agency/organization has been identified with whom, Government propose to hold dialogue for initiating peace process in the North-East Region with special reference to Manipur; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the discussion are likely to take place so as to ensure that tension in the region could be defused without further delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Government has entered into ceasefire/ suspension of operations with several groups from North East Region *viz.* National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Isak/Muivah), National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Khaplang) National Liberation Front of Tripura (Nayan Bashi), Achik National Volunteers' Council, United People's Democratic Solidarity & Dima Halam Daogah. However, no militant outfits from Manipur
have come forward for peace talks till now.

(b) Peace talks with National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Isak/Muivah) NSCN(I/M) are inconclusive. It will not be in public interest to disclose further details in this regard.

Dialogue process with Hurriyat Leaders

2132. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister had recently visited Jammu and Kashmir to

resume the dead-locked dialogue process with Hurriyat Leaders;

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that militants stepped up violence on the eve of his visit; and

(d) how many persons were actually killed during the last two months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The Prime Minister's visit to
J&K was with the objective of giving boost to the process of achieving peace and accelerated economic development of the State.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) During the last two months (October-November, 2004) 264 persons (85 civilians, 39 Security Force personnel and 140 terrorists) were killed.

IMDT Act, 1983

2133. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided not to repeal the Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the estimated number of illegal migrants settled in Assam at present and how many of them have so far been deported since the enactment of IMDT Act, 1983?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The decision not to repeal the Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983 in primarily based on the consideration that no harassment is caused to genuine Indian citizens, especially belonging to minorities, in Assam.

(c) No survey about the number of illegal migrants settled in Assam has been done by the Government. 1549 illegal migrants from Assam have been expelled (upto October 2004), since its inception under the Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act.